

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit modification from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands and streams in Carroll, Floyd and Patrick County, Virginia in association with the widening of an 8.2 mile length of U.S. Route 58 starting east of Hillsville and ending west of Meadows of Dan, in Carroll, Floyd, and Patrick Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 12, 2014 to February 12, 2014

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Branch Highways, Inc.; Attn: Mike Higgins; P.O. Box 40004; Roanoke, Virginia 24022; VWPP No. 12-0928.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This action is a major modification to VWP Permit No. 12-0928, issued on May 29, 2013 which authorized the widening of U.S. Route 58 along an 8.2 mile stretch east of Hillsville and West of Meadows of Dan. This project modification authorizes the installation and operation of a surface water withdrawal from a temporary intake located on Big Island Creek, to be used for dust control and vegetative management. The maximum intake shall not exceed a daily volume of 100,000 gallons. The modification also results in the decrease of permanent streambed impacts from 11,743.4 linear feet of streams to 10,929.96 linear feet of streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit modification.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL

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nina.omalley@deq.virginia.gov Fax: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.